

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on November 14, 2005, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 6, 8-9, 11, 13-14, 44, 46-52, and 54-56 are amended and claims 7, 19-26, and 57-58 are canceled; as a result, claims 6, 8-14, and 44-56 are now pending in this application.

The allowability of claims 7 and 48-51 is acknowledged. Claim 6 has been amended to incorporate the elements of claim 7, as suggested by the Examiner. Withdrawn claims 19-26 are canceled solely to advance prosecution of the application. Claims 8-9, 11, 13-14, 44, 46-52 and 54-56 have been amended to correct dependency, in view of the canceled claims. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 6, 8-14, 44-47 and 52-58 were again provisionally rejected under a non-statutory obvious-type double patenting rejection, specifically over claims 10-12 of copending Application No. 10/903,500. The amendment of claim 6 moots this rejection.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 6, 8-14, 44-47 and 52-58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as lacking adequate description or enablement. The amendment of claim 6 to incorporate the elements of claim 7 moots this rejection.

§§102/103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 6 and 56-58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by, or as obvious in view of Wilmore (U.S. Patent No. 5,248,697). The amendment of claim 6 to incorporate the elements of claim 7 moots this rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6903 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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